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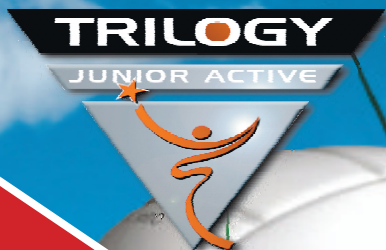


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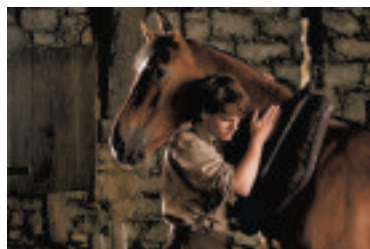
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Saints and England's Ben Foden

Field hospital to relieve pressure

Yvonne Reed from St John Ambulance helps a patient (posed by model) in the Dynamic Emergency Care Centre

POLICE and paramedics said they will both benefit from a Saturday night "field hospital" vehicle that will intercept drunken revellers before they get to overrun A&E staff.

The St John Ambulance vehicle has been kitted out to become a staffed mobile medical room that will be parked on the All Saints Square, so sick or injured

people can easily find it.

Although any patients can use it, NHS bosses hope the Northampton Dynamic Emergency Care Centre (DECC) will mainly treat party goers with drink-related conditions who might otherwise have dialled 999, heaping more pressure on hospitals.

Northamptonshire Police hope it will also cut unnecessary call-outs to deal with unruly drunken people at Northampton

General Hospital.

Sgt Ali Quinn, the force's alcohol harm reduction officer, said: "If people are being treated outside All Saints Church instead of at NGH, any incidents that arise out of people not wanting to be treated or misbehaving because they are drunk can be dealt with on the spot, where our officers already are. That means an ambulance isn't wasted and our officers don't get called out

unnecessarily either."

The DECC vehicle will be parked in Northampton between 10pm and 4am every Saturday night plus, "pay day Friday", the last Friday of the month, and traditional celebratory days.

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The public exhibition regarding 150 new homes in Brixworth

Villagers to fight new homes plan

A RESIDENTS' group said it will campaign against proposals for new housing after Barratt Homes revealed more plans to build 150 properties in Brixworth.

The developer held a public consultation to discuss its plans at Brixworth Library in Spratton Road.

It comes just two weeks after a development of the same size by Carter Jonas was thrown out by councillors, who rejected the planning application.

Ian Young, development director at Barratt Homes, said: "Daventry district needs more homes to meet its housing requirement. We think that this extension to Brixworth is more logical than anything else we have seen."

Members of the Brixworth Residents Against New Estates group (BRANE) attended the consulta-

tion and Bob Chattaway, a former Brixworth parish councillor, who resigned to form the group, said: "The proposals show the development would be outside of the village and would place the same strain on facilities and roads as the previous one we campaigned against did."

He added: "The facilities in the village are already stretched as it is and with the 1,000 new homes that have been passed for the Buckton Fields development nearby, we can't take any more."

The Barratt Homes proposals are for 150 new family homes on land near the A508 and to the east of Northampton Road, next to a series of allotments, which would remain in the development.

The proposals state that Barratt Homes is looking to develop a site featuring a mix of accommodation, including affordable housing.

Public to have say on proposed cuts

CONTROVERSIAL issues such as cutting funding for Police Community Support Officers and CCTV services in Northampton will be debated during a question time event.

Northampton Borough Council has organised the event to discuss proposals made in its annual budget.

The council's cabinet member for finance, Councillor Alan Bottwood (Con, Upton) said: "Everyone is invited to take part in our question time

event.

"This is your chance to get involved in our consultation, ask us questions and share your ideas about the proposals."

The council's full budget proposals include savings of almost £2 million.

The event to discuss the plans will be held in the Great Hall at the Guildhall tonight from 6.30pm. Questions for the event can be submitted in advance by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/s/nbcquestiontime.

Medal taken in burglary

AN ENGRAVED medallion "of great sentimental value" was taken during a burglary in Northampton. Thieves kicked their way through the front door of the house in Park View, Moulton, between 3pm and 6pm last Monday. Among the items taken was a 30-year-old Great Ormond Street medallion, made of silver metal on a red, white and blue bar. It has the name 'Amy' engraved on it. Clothes and toiletries were also taken. Witnesses or anyone with information can call the police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Stargaze at the forest

ASPIRING astronomers can take part in a stargazing event at Salcey Forest as part of the BBC's Stargazing LIVE 2012. The free event will take place on Saturday, January 28, from 6pm to 8pm. It is one of 40,000 events being held across the UK promoting astronomy as part of the BBC series presented by physicist Brian Cox.

Help clean up parks

PARK rangers will be carrying out winter clean-ups in three Northampton parks and residents have been invited to lend a hand every Saturday until the end of January. The rangers will meet outside the stable block next to Delapre abbey in Delapre Park today at 1pm. The Racecourse clean up will be on January 28 at 1pm, meeting in front of the pavilion.

Venue hosts fund-raiser

A FUND-RAISING night at The Picturedrome pub in Kettering Road, Northampton town centre, will benefit Community Court Yard. The event, running from 8pm until midnight on Friday, January 27, will feature Danny Grant, Sam Mollison, DJ Dan Excell and MC Adam Skint from Strictly Beats, and The Lost Boyz. Tickets cost £5 each, and are available from Tony and Heidi Brown by calling 07974 065676, or from Community Court Yard by calling 07925 730772.

Hugging the library

MEMBERS of Towcester Evening WI will be 'hugging' the town's library as part of a campaign to highlight its importance. The WI believe libraries should be recognised as an information and community resource at both local and national levels. The event at the library, in Richmond Road, Towcester, will run from 10.30am until 12.30pm on Saturday, February 4.

Tour shoe collection

A TOUR of the shoe store at Northampton Museum an Art Gallery will take place on Saturday, March 3. Visitors will be able to look at some of the rare shoes in the museum's collection. The event runs from 10.30am until noon. Entry costs £3.50.

Look at the landscapes

SEVEN paintings by artist Sam Wadsworth are on display at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery. The works include landscapes of Abington Park, The Racecourse and the Lifts Tower at sunset. A former teacher at Northampton School for Boys, from 2004 until 2007, Sam Wadsworth has been voted Young Entrepreneur of the Year and has won many prizes for his paintings. The seven paintings will be on show at the museum until February 21.

Tribute to Mercury

A FREDDIE Mercury tribute night will take place at Whittlebury Hall Hotel and Spa on Friday, February 3. Tickets cost £45 per person, to include a three-course dinner, half bottle of house wine and entertainment, which finishes at 12.30am. To book, call 0845 400 0003.

Highways work on A5

HIGHWAYS work will take place overnight on the A5 near Daventry between the A45 at Weedon and the A361/A5 roundabout at Kilsby from 8pm until 6am until Tuesday, February 7. A signed diversion route will be in place.



Pictured, left to right, Sharon Henley, Chief Inspector Helen Pritchett, Mel Wainwright, David Lodge and Ian Carmichael

Cars are being kept safer at Sixfields

A NORTHAMPTON car park has been given an award for providing safe parking.

Sixfields Retail Park car park in Weedon Road, managed by Clean Estates on behalf of Workman, has been granted the Park Mark Safer Parking Award by the British Parking Association.

Ian Carmichael, the award scheme's development manager for the region, said: "We are delighted Sixfields Retail Park car

park has reached the standards required by the scheme, as it means Northampton is now delivering even more safer parking for the town's motorists."

Eighteen car parks in Northampton have now received the award after passing risk assessments conducted by Northamptonshire Police and the British Parking Association to deter criminal activity and anti-social behaviour.

All Saints gets a new priest from America

ALL Saints Church in Northampton will have a new priest in place by April after three years without a figurehead.

The Rev David McConkey, who was born in Kansas, will come to Northampton's civic church as the priest-in-charge after completing his Easter duties in Swindon.

He will replace the Rev Simon Godfrey, who left Northampton to take up a post in Malta in 2009.

Lee Dunleavy, director of music at All Saints, welcomed the new appointment, particularly as Mr McConkey used to be a professional musician.

He said: "Father David, with his background, is just the right sort of person, particularly with the strong music department the church has."

"We are very, very excited; it has been a wonderful time in many ways seeing how people step up to the mark, but it will be great having a new helmsman on board, steering us into new territories," he

added.

Mr McConkey is currently team rector of the parish of Swindon New Town where he has served since 2003.

He previously served as rector of a church in Harare, Zimbabwe, where he also lectured in church history at the National Anglican Theological College.

He also received a Master of Music Degree from Yale University.

Mr Dunleavy said: "Father David is very, very keen to get to know the whole community. Being a civic church, people can see you as somewhere where only the mayor goes or the high sheriff goes, that you are very high-faluting, if you like."

"He is keen to be more diverse and reach more people from different backgrounds, not necessarily by getting more people to services, but by the Christian tradition of bringing people together," he added.

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John Simpson, director of the Fishmarket gallery, which is closing at the end of March

New gallery could open by summer

ARTISTS from Northampton hope the town centre could have a new gallery as soon as this summer.

The Fishmarket in Sheep Street is due to close down at the end of March so the building can be demolished to make way for the town's new bus station.

It had been feared that the artists who have converted the former market into a gallery could be made homeless by the move.

But it has now been revealed that a new base for the group has been lined-up in the heart of the town's 'cultural quarter', close to the Royal & Derngate theatres.

The director of the Fishmarket, John Simpson, said the new building, which has not yet been publicly unveiled, should provide a great space for the artists.

He said: "We've had a good look around the new building and while it will still need a bit of work doing

to it, we think it has the potential to be a goer and we're very excited about it.

"It would be much more of a permanent home than anywhere else we've been trying to get or any other buildings we've been offered."

The Fishmarket is due to close as an art gallery at the end of March. Before then, a series of one-off events will be held at the gallery before a final 'farewell party' is held.

During the spring and summer, a series of touring art events will then be staged, but it is hoped the new venue could be ready by the summer.

Mr Simpson said: "Both the borough and county councils have been really helpful, which we're over the moon about.

"It shows they're committed to helping us find a new home and supporting art in Northampton."

Retail company says branches are at risk

A **RETAIL** company which feared it could descend into administration has failed to find investment, putting its Northampton branches at risk.

The Peacock Group Plc, and its Peacocks clothing chain, confirmed it had gone into administration and was actively seeking a buyer. Another business under the company umbrella, women's retail chain Bon Marche, has filed a notice of intention to appoint administrators.

Joint administrators con-

firmed they were still trading the company and that no stores would be closing yet and no immediate redundancies from its national workforce of 9,600 people had been made.

It puts at risk branches of Peacocks and Bon Marche at the Weston Favell Centre, a Bon Marche in Abington Street, and a Peacocks in St Peter's Way.

It comes at the same time as gift shop Past Times advertised news of its administration to customers.

Hear about Nepal trip

THE TOWCESTER Evening Women's Institute will hear a talk from a woman who visited Nepal on behalf of a charity. Anne Townsend will give a talk at the meeting at 7.30pm on February 2 at Riverside Centre in Islington Road, Towcester. Visitors are welcome. A donation is suggested of £2.50. Contact Eileen on 01327 323180 or visit www.towcesterwi.blogspot.com

Wall trek raises cash

A **TEACHER** from a Northampton primary school has raised £1,500 for the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance after trekking along the Great Wall of China. Laura Murias, a Year 5 teacher at Simon de Senlis School in East Hunsbury, completed the challenge in the October half term. To supplement her efforts, the school held a carol concert before Christmas at St Benedicts Church and collected an additional £145 from parents.

Skydive for hospices

VOLUNTEERS are needed to take part in a skydive for Help the Hospices. The skydive will take place at Hinton-in-the-Hedges Airfield in Northamptonshire, on Saturday, February 11. Each participant must raise £395 to take part, this includes the cost of the skydive. To register go to www.helpthehospices.org.uk/valentines-skydive or call 0207 5202 999.

Get crafts at art fair

AN **ART** and craft fair will take place in Towcester Town Hall in Watling Street, Towcester, Northamptonshire. The event will run on Saturday, February 4, from 9.30am to 4pm. Stalls will sell cards, jewellery, ceramics, knitted goods and cakes.

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Hot foot it to walk

FUNDRAISERS are being asked to hot foot it to a charity fire walk to raise funds for Cynthia Spencer Hospice in Kettering Road, Northampton and Cats Protection. Fundraisers will walk across a 20ft bed of hot coals at Sunley Conference Centre in The University of Northampton's Park Campus in Boughton Green Road, on January 27 at 9pm. For more details, email john.helm@nhft.nhs.uk or martin.ellis@cats.org.uk

Walk llama in forest

RESIDENTS are invited to celebrate Valentine's Day with a walk with the llamas in Salcey Forest, Northamptonshire. The pre-Valentine's Day event will take place on Saturday, February 11. Walks start at 10.30am and last around an hour. The cost is £20 per llama or alpaca and two can share. Booking is essential. For details or to book, call Lizzie on 07818 083400 or visit www.abbeyllamas.co.uk

Day out with difference

RAIL enthusiasts and people looking for a day out with a difference can travel from Northampton to Carlisle on board a vintage train next month. Heritage rail operator The Railway Touring Company will run the Winter Cumbrian Mountain Express - a train of restored 1950s and 1960s rail carriages - through the town every Saturday in February. For more information on the service, and to book seats, call 01553 661500 or visit www.railwaytouring.co.uk



Vimal Shah, Sharon Hemmings, Pat Arber, Jean Herrich, Doreen Clare, Bev Stogdale and Karen Blencowe from the Oxfam

Tea party to mark international day

A CHARITY shop in Northampton hosted a tea party to promote the forthcoming International Women's Day.

Women gathered at the Oxfam shop, in Alexandra Terrace, Kingsthorpe, to mark the event, which falls on March 8.

Volunteers at the shop organised the event to get women together and raise funds for the charity.

Manager of the shop, Vimal Shah, said: "It is a simple idea, but the idea is that women get to-

gether to do something they enjoy with their friends and have fun.

"The volunteers in our shop are all great friends. They enjoy a laugh over a cup of tea and some cake so we thought it would be nice to hold a tea party in the shop itself and customers could join in too."

The event was part of Oxfam's Get Together campaign to encourage women to host events to get friends together to raise funds for charity and mark International Women's Day.

Grant given for OAPs in own homes

MONEY meant to help keep pensioners out of residential homes for longer should not be spent on reducing waiting lists for home refurbishments, opposition politicians have warned.

Northampton Borough Council has been given more than £54,000 of Government disabled facilities grant (DFG) money for schemes such as putting in the likes of walk-in showers and stairlifts to allow them to say in their own home.

But Labour councillors are concerned the money could be handed out to other people already on the lengthy DFG waiting list and therefore not help the pensioners it is meant for.

Lee Mason, Labour group leader (Lab, Brookside), said: "While we welcome this money we want it to be used for pensioners as intended

rather than to reduce a waiting list that should not have arisen. We would also like them to find money to bring their houses up to the decent homes standard."

Announcing the cash - almost £200,000 of which will be spread around Northamptonshire - housing minister Grant Shapps called on councils to "use every opportunity" to give elderly people more choice and control over where they live, so they are not pressured to sell their home or move into residential care.

Mr Shapps said councils should learn from the London Borough of Redbridge, where the council arrange for elderly people to move into rented accommodation, and take responsibility for maintaining and letting their property at an affordable rate.

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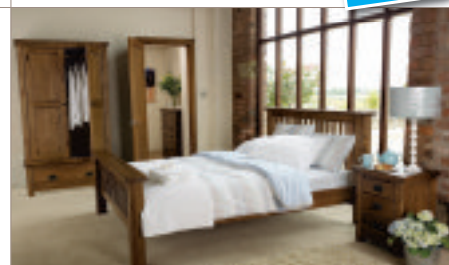


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Car crime has halved in past four years

VEHICLE crime in Northamptonshire has halved in the past four years, latest figures from the British Crime Survey have shown.

Statistics measuring the period from September 2010-11 showed the number of recorded incidents of vehicles being stolen or broken into had been reduced from 9,643 in 2008 to 4,839.

The figures also showed that the number of sexual offences, burglaries, violent offences and criminal damage in the county had all decreased.

The total number of reported crimes was down by six per cent.

However, there had been a slight rise

in the number of reported drugs offences and robberies.

Northamptonshire Police said initiatives such as Operation Guardian and Operation Nightsafe had increased the number of recorded drug crimes, but that did not necessarily mean actual drug activity had risen.

A Northamptonshire Police spokesman said: "We have continued to see reductions in crime, as these figures demonstrate, in particular serious acquisitive crime.

"Our force figures also show a higher reduction than the national average, of four per cent, which is a further good result.

"The reductions in crime, together with an increase in public confidence show we are helping to make this county a better place.

"One of the main successes for us has been in safeguarding members of the public living in problem areas which have been blighted by criminality, drugs and anti-social behaviour.

"However, we cannot be complacent. We still need the public to remain vigilant to robbery, burglary and vehicle crime.

"There are basic crime-prevention steps that members of the public can take to ensure their safety and the safety to their property and help us continue to reduce crime."

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	Sexual offences745 (-2%)
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	Burglary5,861 (-14%)
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	Drugs offences1,954 (+3%)
	Criminal damage9,136 (-16%)
	Total crimes48,675 (-6% since 2008)

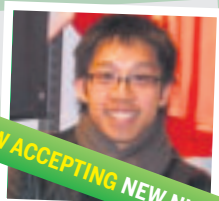
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Experts revealed in 2009 that the cost to Northamptonshire of alcohol abuse, including road accidents, crimes arising from drunkenness and extra healthcare, was a staggering £200 million a year.

NHS Northamptonshire announced an 'enhanced alcohol service' would begin to reduce the figure and the harm drink can cause to county residents.

One idea is to station psychiatric nurses at A&E to assess patients who present with injuries or illnesses caused by excessive drinking.

They will be looking for signs of alcoholism, which can then be treated as a mental health issue with the hope of stopping further excessive

drinking.

NHS Northamptonshire bosses said this initiative, coupled with helping people prevent a relapse using clinics and surgeries rather than hospitals, will help prevent the current £2.9 million annual bill from mounting further, and hopefully reduce it.

Although the rate of increase each year is half the national average, the cost is forecast to rise to £4.4 million by 2015.

When the county drink bill was revealed in 2009, there were 90,000 people harming themselves through alcohol and 3,500 who needed a drink to get up in the morning.

Dr Peter Wilczynski, chairman of Corby Healthcare, one of the GP groups set to take control of the NHS budget, said: "We hope that by having in place better community-based treatment services, less people will have to be admitted to hospital for the more expensive in-patient treatments."

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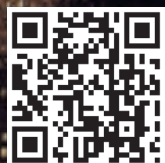


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Riders will help out in Zambia

COUNTY charity Riders for Health has announced a new partnership with the Zambian government aimed at helping more people in the country access vital health care.

The partnership – which will be the focus of a study by Stanford University in California – will see the Pittsford-based fund manage vehicles on behalf of the ministry of health, ensuring people living in isolated villages in the country's southern province receive regular visits from health workers.

Dr Alisheke, provincial medical officer for southern province, said: "A very large

population of southern province is in the countryside, where road infrastructure is generally poor and the terrain is rough. It is my view sustained health worker access to the remote rural populations requires the use of well-maintained motorcycles and four-wheeled vehicles.

"I am confident this plan will provide a greatly-improved situation in the way we are currently providing health services in remote areas."

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Pat Byrom, manager of Westgate House Nursing Home and chairman of NorArch

Homes could be shut

NURSING homes face bankruptcy if council funding decreases, leaving some pensioners with no proper care, managers fear.

The group that represents care homes in Northamptonshire, NorArch, said the situation would arise if the county council pressed ahead with plans to reduce its cash contribution for the poorest residents.

Care home managers said they would be forced to dig into

their own funds to keep people in care and nursing homes, which they were increasingly struggling to do.

Pat Byrom, manager of Westgate House Nursing Home in Gayton, said: "The minimum wage went up in October, which forces our pay up, VAT is up, energy bills are up, even food has gone up.

"Reducing the rate for each patient is not going to help us stay viable.

"I'm not criticising the council, they've got their money troubles too and I understand

that, but I'm just highlighting what we're facing here.

"We always have this silly little stand-off with the authorities where they say they can't afford to pay more and we say 'then we can't afford to look after them any more'. We both know that we won't throw them out on the street; some of them have been here 10 years. We have to pay more but that can't go on. You're talking bankruptcies and closures.

"The future thinking for the elderly is to be looked after in

their own home as long as possible. But people like our patients cannot be cared for that way. That's why they're here in the first place."

The county council has rowed back from its pledged contribution per patient over the last few years; first from a planned increase to a recent freeze and now from that position to a proposed decrease by as much as five per cent.

Tory councillors said they were sympathetic to nursing homes but had other services to fund.

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Fears national wind farm targets are taking precedence in county

AN environment group in Northamptonshire has expressed concerns that national targets for building wind farms are taking precedence over local objections.

In recent months, decisions taken by district councils in the county to refuse planning permission for proposed wind farms in Bozeat, Kelmarsh, Boddington and Watford Lodge have all been overturned following an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate.

Further appeals have also been made following the rejection of planned wind farms in Sudborough, Chelveston, Helmdon, Lilbourne and Winwick.

Sir Paul Hayter, of the Northamptonshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), said the Government was not listening to the views of local authorities.

Sir Paul said: "When the least windy part of England is carpeted with wind farms, it is a clear sign that the subsidies are excessive.

"It is also a sign that, despite the much-vaunted Localism Act, we have a planning regime in which national targets take precedence over local decisions."

The first wind farm decision in the county to be overturned by the Planning Inspectorate was in Yelvertoft in 2010.

Since then, the only wind farm refusal not to be overturned by a Government

planning inspector was at Harrington due to the fact the area was designated as grade two listed.

Brian Skittrall, a spokesman for the CPRE, said Northamptonshire was in line to single-handedly meet the entire East Midlands regional target of 175 megawatts of installed capacity.

Mr Skittrall said: "It seems to be now that nothing stops a wind farm from being approved.

"The Government just seems to use national targets regardless of what local people think.

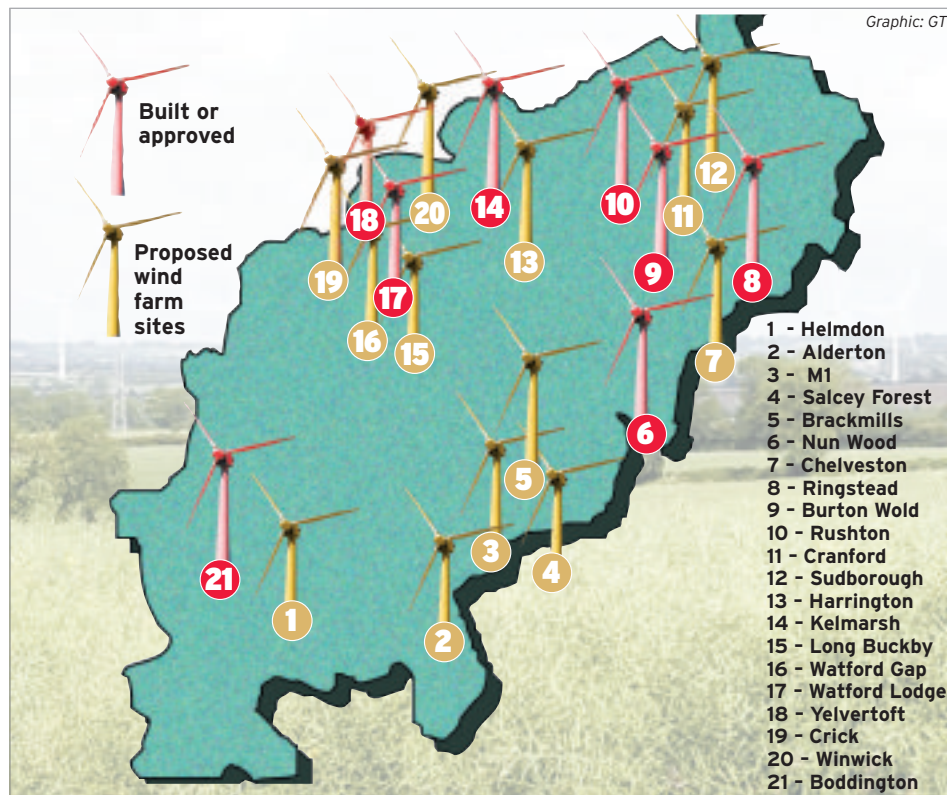
"In Northamptonshire, 50 megawatts of wind farm capacity has already been approved when the county's share should be just 17.5 megawatts.

"What is crazy is that Northamptonshire has one of the worst wind resources in the country."

Conservative MP for south Northamptonshire Andrea Leadsom said last year that subsidy cuts of 10 per cent for wind farm developers could lead to a drop in applications.

But Mr Skittrall said that, even with a 10 per cent cut, developers in low-wind areas like Northamptonshire could still on average expect a virtually "risk-free" return on investment.

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Cinema ready for month of Oscars

A CINEMA in Northampton is gearing up for the Oscars by showing some of the films hotly tipped to win academy awards next month.

Lings Forum Cinema has unveiled its programme for the next two months which includes *The Iron Lady*, *War Horse* and *The Artist*.

Other films tipped to win Oscars showing at the cinema are *My Week with Marilyn* and *The Descendants*.

Ian Redfern, managing director of Northampton Leisure Trust, said: "Over the next few weeks we have a fantastic range of films on at the Forum Cinema that will really get you in the mood for Oscar season."

"This weekend we are screening *The Iron Lady*, and next month we will be showing both *War Horse*, February 10 to 16, and *The Artist*, February 17 to 23.

"We are also showing *My Week with Marilyn* from January 27 to 31 and *The Descendants* from February 24 to 28.

"All five films are tipped to win awards, so do not miss out on a chance to see the movies everyone will be talking about."

"We always have a great range of films showing everything from Hollywood blockbusters to the best in world and independent cinema."

Ticket prices at Lings Forum are £5.20 for adults with a leisure card or £6. Children cost £3.60 or £3.30 with a leisure card. For more information go to www.forumcinema.org.uk or call Northampton 837007.

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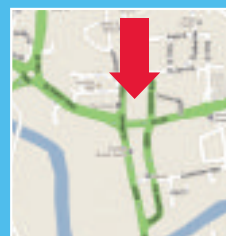
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The Towcester seat on Northamptonshire County Council became vacant following the resignation of Rosemary Bromwich, who moved to Cornwall



Nomination error leaves party with 'egg on its face'

THE sole Labour representative on South Northamptonshire Council has apologised for an administrative error that will mean people living in Towcester are unable to vote for a Labour candidate in the town's upcoming elections.

The party will not field a candidate at the county and district by-election votes in the town on February 9, after a nomination form for both seats for prospective candidate Douglas Barry was missing necessary information.

Councillor David Aaronson (*Lab, Deanshanger*), currently the only Labour councillor on South Northamptonshire Council, said the error had left the local party "with a bit of egg on our face".

He said the party had only found out the by-election had been called two days before the deadline to submit its nomination papers, and had not had time to get its application checked prior to submission.

He said: "Unfortunately this leaves us with a bit of egg on our

FACT File

Countdown to polls...

County and district elections for Towcester on February 9

Candidates for the Towcester seat on Northamptonshire County Council

- Chris Lofts, *Liberal Democrat*
- Barry Mahoney, *UK Independence Party*
- Ian McCord, *Conservative*

■ Mark Plowman, *British National Party*

Candidates for the Towcester Brook seat on South Northamptonshire District Council

- Peter Conquest, *UK Independence Party*
- John Gasking, *Conservative*
- Lisa Samiotis, *Liberal Democrat*

face. We haven't provided voters in Towcester with an option to vote Labour and obviously there are lessons for us to learn from that.

"We had a deep, in-depth post-mortem about the situation and we all held our hands up and said maybe we should have been a bit more pro-active, but now it is something we have to deal with," he added.

Councillor Aaronson said the local party was making inquiries to see what had led to the mistake, and hoped to learn from the error. He said: "The thing we really re-

gret is we haven't given people the opportunity to vote Labour."

The Towcester seat on Northamptonshire County Council became vacant following the resignation of Conservative councillor Rosemary Bromwich in December. Councillor Bromwich had faced pressure to resign since moving to Cornwall three months earlier.

The Towcester Brook seat on South Northamptonshire Council became vacant following the death of Councillor Diana Dallyn in November.

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Entertainment

Incest, murder and lust in drama

CONTINUING on from its acclaimed 2011 Made in Northampton season, Royal & Derngate starts off the new year with *Oedipussy* – a subversion of the quintessential Greek tragedy.

The show is co-produced with physical theatre company Spymonkey, and adapted and directed by Kneehigh's Emma Rice and writing partner Carl Grose, telling a tale of forbidden lust, accidental incest, violent murder and the ultimate dysfunctional family.

The play is inspired by Barbarella and a little bit of Bond, and is promising to feature 'outrageous fashion' from set designer Michael Vale (RSC, National Theatre, ENO), costume designer Lucy Bradridge (Cirque de Soleil) and features original music by Spymonkey's Toby Park.

Oedipussy can be seen at
Royal & Derngate from next

Friday to Saturday, February 18, with tickets priced from £13 to £28.

It will then embark on a national tour.

Please note that *Oedipussy* includes scenes of nudity and is recommended for ages 14 and above.

To book, call Box Office on 01604 624811 or visit www.royalandderngate.co.uk.

Members of the Real Discounts scheme (for 16 to 25-year-olds) can get an £11 ticket at any performance – under-26s can sign up for the scheme at Box Office when booking.

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Celebrate life of Eva

AN ALL star cast will tread the boards at the Milton Keynes theatre this Monday when an award-winning musical visits for one night on Monday.

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The show contains projection and original footage from Eva Cassidy's life, from an early age to her first professional gig aged 18, her first meeting with her boyfriend and mentor Chris Biondo, a rabble-rousing rendition and recording at Blues Alley with Chuck Brown and culminates in her tragic death.

Before she died at the age of 33, Cassidy was unknown outside Washington, USA but within two years, she was discovered by Terry Wogan who promoted her music to the top of the album charts in the UK and now Europe, Australia and throughout the world.

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Entertainment

Family in crisis

GOOD things come to those who wait and it's been an agonising seven years since writer-director Alexander Payne ventured to the sun-dappled vineyards of the quirky Oscar-winning comedy *Sideways*.

Thankfully, the acclaimed debut novel of Kauai Hart Hemmings has wooed the film-maker back into the director's chair, working from a beautifully crafted script by Nat Faxon and Jim Rash.

Set against the lush backdrop of the Hawaiian islands, *The Descendants* is a heartbreaking portrait of a family in crisis.

The film provides George Clooney with the role of his career and the handsome star elegantly navigates choppy emotional waters as a father who must turn off his wife's life support machine while dealing with the grief of his two children.

Matthew King (Clooney) stares forlornly at his adrenaline-junkie wife Liz (Patricia Hastie) as she lies in a vegetative state after a water-skiing accident.

Doctors tell him there is no hope of recovery and everyone should say their farewells.

With a heavy heart, Matthew bravely gathers together his 10-year-old daughter Scottie (Amara Miller) and his rebellious 17-year-old daughter Alex (Shailene Woodley).

The older child stopped talking to her mother shortly before the accident and it transpires that Alex discovered Liz



was having an affair with real estate agent Brian Speer (Matthew Lillard).

Matthew is devastated but eventually decides to take a two-day vacation to find Brian and inform his rival of Liz's injury.

The Descendants is drolly narrated by Matthew, who mocks the beauty of the Hawaiian landscape and shares the secrets to perfect parenting. Characters

are delicately sketched and there are lovely scenes between Clooney, Woodley and youngster Miller as they try to make sense of the hand that fate has dealt them.

Belly laughs are balanced with tragedy and despair and Payne doesn't strike a single false emotional note, although he does allow sentimentality to creep in for the sombre final five minutes.

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Northampton: Vinny Christian, Kingsley Park WMC.

Northampton: Earth Man Sounds, Jessie from Inspirational Radio, The Crspin, Clare Street, 8pm-late.

THEATRE

Northampton: Jeremy Hardy (comedy), Royal, 7.45pm. 01604 624811.

OTHER

Northampton: Quiz, Spencer WMC, Tennyson Road, Dallington.

Northampton: Northampton Town & County Assoc. Annual Dinner & Dance. A Celebration of the Life of their National Bard, Robert Burns, St George's Hall, St George's Avenue, 7.30pm-1am. Tickets £29 on 01604 637405.

Northampton: Northants Inter-varsity Club. Multi-activity and social and leisure club for professional or like-minded people; various days and locations. www.northants-ivc.org.uk

Northampton: Exhibition: Stamp Out Hate Crime, recognising Holocaust Memorial Day and LGBT History Month, Museum and Art Gallery, Guildhall Road.

SATURDAY

MUSIC

Brackley: Pure Genius, Red Lion, 9pm.

Brafield: Warren Oliver (vocalist),

WMC, Bedford Road (A428), 8pm; food available.

Northampton: The Kustom Kings (rock 'n' roll, R&B, rockabilly), Crown and Anchor, Victoria Road.

Northampton: Ambush. King Billy, bottom of Bridge Street.

Northampton: Stolen Mojo, Molly's Bar, Abington Square.

Northampton: Steven Cesari, British Rail Club, St Andrew's Road, 8.30pm.

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SUNDAY

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Blisworth: Jazzin' Around presents Debbie Rooker's Jazz and Blues Band, Walnut Tree, Station Road, midday-2.30pm; adm £6. 01604 858549.

Brafield: Mick White (vocals), WMC, Bedford Road (A428), 7pm.

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Northampton: Dave Dynamite, British Rail Club, St Andrew's Road, 2pm-5pm.

Northampton: Jam session, Crown and Anchor, Victoria Road, 9pm.

Northampton: Acoustic open mic jam session, Fox and Hounds, Harborough Road, 8pm*.

Northampton: Jazz night, The Longboat, Eastfield Road, Duston*.

Northampton: Singalong with keyboard player, Royal Navy and Royal Marines Club, Lorne Road. Northampton 620471*.

Northampton: Jacquie and Ady, Spread Eagle, Wellingborough Road, 6pm-9pm.

Northampton: Kim Robinson, Kingsley Park WMC, Kingsley Park Terrace.

OTHER

Northampton: NSG Group. Naturist Club. 08707 654326 or www.nsgswim.org.uk

Northampton: Quiz, The Rover, Weedon Road, 8pm*.

Northampton: Music and fun quiz, Whitehills PH, Harborough Road*.

Northampton: Rob Benedict's pub quiz, Old White Hart, Cotton End, 7.30pm*.

Northampton: Rob Benedict's pub quiz, The Abington, Wellingborough Road*.

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MONDAY

MUSIC

Northampton: Music Appreciation Society with Northampton Ladies Choir, Friends' Meeting House, Wellington Street, 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Northampton: Karaoke, Golden Horse, Southampton Road, 4pm-7pm*.

Northampton: Open mic, Lamplighter, Overstone Road, 9pm.

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Northampton: Art group, Abington community centre, Wheatfield Road South, 2pm-4pm. 01604 632048*.

TUESDAY

MUSIC

Northampton: All That Jazz, Wig & Pen, St Giles Street, 9pm-11pm; free*.

OTHER

Northampton: Diabetes UK meeting, Cripps Medical Centre, NGH, 7.30pm. 01604 847413.

WEDNESDAY

MUSIC

Northampton: 50s and 60s Beat Scene with Uncle Tom Cobley, Headland PH, Longland Road, 8.30pm; free.

Northampton: Kingsthorpe Jazz Club presents the Beer Parlour Jivers, King Billy, Kingsthorpe village, 8.30pm.

Northampton: Elephant Shelf, Malt Shovel Tavern, 121 Bridge Street. 01604 234212*.

Northampton: Bluegrass jam session, Kingsley Park WMC, Kingsley Park Terrace.

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THURSDAY

MUSIC

Moulton: Jam session, Cardigan Arms, Stocks Hill*.

Northampton: Open mic, Crown and Cushion, Wellingborough Road, 8pm.

Northampton: Open stage, The Bantam, Abington Square, 8.30pm. 01604 584859.

Northampton: Reviving Thursdays, Swan and Helmet, Clare Street, 7pm*.

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even before you take a test drive. To most people's eye it's a stunning looker. Doesn't do any harm to discover it drives well too, although you'll find its makers have anticipated success with healthy prices.

The new Q3, you feel, sets out to succeed with a range of different strengths.

Take the looks; it's almost reticent of line, with a simple, strong shape signifying its Audi-ness above all else. It might age better than the Evoque and ought to look restrained and classy for years.

It's the same story inside, where Audi's mastery of fit and finish results in a cabin whose high quality shines through, even as you recognise that a desire to keep things logical was more important than simple surface glitz.

It might strike a non-Audi veteran as a bit black and stark but everything you need is there, and very well put together indeed.

The current Q3 range stretches from £24,560 for a model with petrol power, manual gears and two-wheel drive to the £31,210 diesel with auto gears and posh S line trim. Much more potent and dearer models are waiting in the wings.

All Q3s apart from the entry-level model have permanent four-wheel drive and the higher powered diesels, like the car tested here have an automatic gearbox as standard.

They also have the intelligent application of conventional technology under their aluminium bonnet (like the alloy rear hatch, a weight saving measure), which gains performance and economy without adding complications like an electric motor.

It means the relatively heavy Q3 can be both nippy and decently frugal. I managed 40mpg on my test drive without restraining my right foot. An engine that cuts out at rest (and promptly restarts when you press the accelerator) probably helped a bit.

Easily as

impressive as the economy was the un-Audi like way the test car rode some rough English side roads. Lots of Audis are bought with big wheels that look good in the showroom but would really prefer the smooth autobahns of home.

My test car was shod with winter tyres, whose taller sidewalls have more give in them than the car's usual boots. Worth the extra cost for the ride, I'd say, before you even factor in their extra safety margin on icy days.

FACTFILE

CAR: Audi Q3 2.0 TDI quattro SE S tronic

PRICE: £27,650

DRIVETRAIN: 2.0 litre 175bhp diesel engine, automatic gearbox

PERFORMANCE: Top speed

132mph 0-62mph 8.2 seconds

ECONOMY: Euro average 47.9mpg

CO2 132g/km road tax £115

SIZE: 4385mm long 1831mm wide

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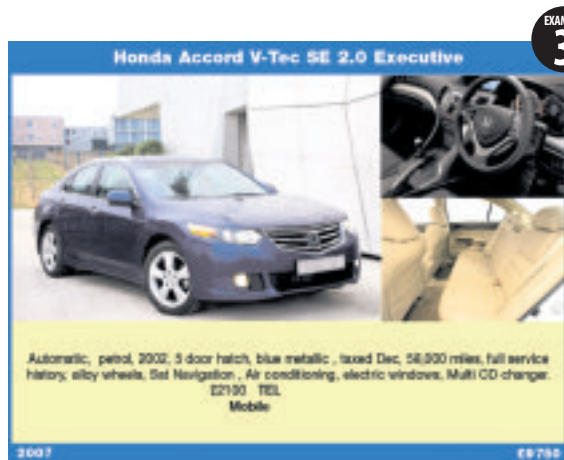
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(Nee Garrett)

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Obituaries

DIXON

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DONOHUE Pat

*Died 13th January 2012.
 Sleeping peacefully free from all pain,
 I could not wake you to suffer again.
 Goodnight, God bless my darling Pat.
 Your loving wife Nell*
 x



DONOHUE Pat

I am not alone, and never will be. Your absence is my company. Your loving Daughter Helen and Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren x

DONOHUE Pat

Who died peacefully in his sleep. Lord on this sad day, in your garden of rest, please look after my Dad for he was the best. Love you always, Simon & Karen x

DONOHUE Pat

*Forever in our hearts and loved.
 R.I.P.
 Peggy, Paddy, Raymond and family*
 x



Obituaries

JEFFORD Sally

Dear Sally a wonderful and very special friend who will stay in my heart and thoughts forever.

With deepest sympathy to Steve, Jolene, Ryan, Ramie and all the family.

God bless.

Carina, Bob, Charlie and Ellie
 xxxx

LYON — Betty. (nee White) Peacefully on 19th January 2012, aged 86 years. Dearest Aunt of Wendy, Alan and family. Will be sadly missed & remembered always.

LYON — Betty Passed away 19.01.12. A wonderful Mum, gone to be with Dad. "Shine on you crazy diamond". Keith

LYON Betty (nee White)

A loving, happy lady who will be fondly remembered as a wonderful Aunt and Great Aunt to Peter, Donna, Michael, Emma and Amy

Sleep well Betty

LYON — Betty Passed away peacefully. The very dear friend of Pam & the late Russell and Lee & family. Remembering the happy years we have spent together.

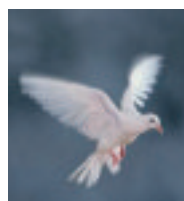
PARSONS — Joan. Sadly passed away on 16th January. Mother to Sandra, Nanny to Tom and Son-in-law Neil. Good night and God Bless. You are at peace now. Love Sandra, Neil and Tom. x x x

PARSONS — Joan Died suddenly at home on 16.1.12. You will be sadly missed and have left a big hole in our hearts. Rest In Peace Mum. From Kevin and Sandra

PARSONS — Joan. Dear Aunt of Barbara, Philip, Chris and Danielle. Forever in our hearts.

READ Michael

Our Brother and our best friend. We will miss the jokes, the infectious laugh, sharing fish and chips at Southwold. We would all love just one more cuddle. Back in Mum and Dad's arms. Love you always Robert & Jane, Jane & Alan and families
 xx



Obituaries

ROSE Dennis

Passed away 5th January 2012 at N.G.H

Father to Tony, Father-in-law to Margaret Grampy to Georgina, Abigail, Brad and Tony Great-Grampy to Ashley, Ryan, Rebecca, Daniel and Jackson

Funeral at Counties Crematorium, Milton Friday 27th January at 2.45pm
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 Friday 3rd February at 2.45pm

SMITH — David Late of Duston. Passed away peacefully on Sunday 15th January. Dad of Sally and Gillian, Father in Law to David and Grandad of Hannah, also Brother to Bob and Pam. Funeral to be announced later.

TILSON — Nellie 19/01/1921 - 20/01/2012. Rest in peace Mother. You will be forever in our thoughts. Trevor, Rosemary, Jason xx

TILNEY Louis

Father of Raymond, caring Husband of the late Maisie.

Passed on at Northampton General Hospital on Thursday 19th January. Gone to walk Squibbs. Goodnight, God Bless Lou.

WEICUSS nee Crouch

Late of Moulton

Joan passed peacefully away at her home in Arizona, on the 10th January.

Daughter of the late Mary and Alfred. Dearly loved Mum of Paul and Fran, Karen and Keith, Grandma of Mark and Katie. Great Grandma of Colin and Ryann. Beloved Sister of Anne (Sylvia) and Albert.

Cremation has taken place in Arizona and her ashes will be brought home to Moulton at a later date.

We who loved her, will miss her.

Acknowledgements

McFARLANE Janet

The Family of the late Janet McFarlane would like to thank everyone who attended Janet's funeral and for the beautiful flowers and sympathy cards

Thanks also to Reverend Andrew Symes for the lovely service and also to Kevin Matthews Funeral Directors

TIMMS Leonard

Mrs Timms and family would like to thank everyone who attended Len's Funeral and for the beautiful flowers and sympathy cards. Thanks also to Reverend Wiseman for the lovely service and to Kevin Matthews Funeral Directors.

In Memoriam

HARILAOU Andrew

24.01.2007

Our lives go on without you, but things are not the same. It's hard to hide the heartache when someone speaks your name. We think about you always and talk about you too, we have such special memories, but we wish we still had you.

Hilary, Jason, Hazel, Neave and Alexandra
 xxxxx

HARILAOU Andrew

24-1-07

Dad we still miss you with every passing day. Forever in our hearts.

Mario & Family
 xxxxx

KINSELLA (nee Sheehan) Josie

Passed away 21st Jan 2002. Everyday in some small way, memories of you come my way. Though absent you are always near, still missed, loved and always dear.

Loved and remembered always. Your Daughters Elaine, Ann, Kelly and families and Sister Mary & Stan
 xx

LOAKES Claire

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Always thinking of you Claire, miss you so much. Steve, Helen, Rhys and Sean
 xx

MCONIE Glynn

Forever in our thoughts and hearts. A best friend who's loved and missed everyday. Love Paul, Karrie & Megan Mearde
 xxx

MIDDLETON — June. Fond memories of a much loved Sister and Auntie to Keith, Janet, Helen, Carl and families. Sleeping peacefully. x x x

In Memoriam

MIDDLETON June

22nd January 2011
 Loving Wife, Mother, Nan and Ma Ma.

Broken is the heart that loves you, Silent tears still fall, Living our lives without you is the hardest part of all.

Love and miss you, Jim and family



RUTTER Harry

19.01.08.

4th Anniversary. You are always on my mind, you will live in my heart forever.

Love Mary
 xxx



SPENCER Terry

23.1.2009

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TAMAGNI — Tom. Fond memories never fade.

In Memoriam

WILLS Susan

They say the first year is the hardest and how true that is!

Miss you so very much, on so many occasions this year Suzi, forever in our thoughts and hearts.

Love Ian and Lorraine, Pat and Alan, Leona and David, Sam and Charlotte.
 x x x x



Birthday Memories

McFARLANE Janet

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x x x x x
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SHELTON BIGGS Anne Elizabeth

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GREAT START - John Johnson (left) congratulates Adebayo Akinfenwa on his goal that put the Cobblers 1-0 up against Barnet on Saturday, but Town went on to lose the npower League Two game 2-1

PICTURE: KIRSTY EDMONDS

Doig in line for return to Sixfields

CHRIS DOIG could be the fourth Cobblers player to be reunited with his former club after it was confirmed the defender is spending this week on trial at Sixfields.

The Scottish centre-back played in a reserve team game against Colchester United that ended in a 1-1 draw on Monday.

And Town manager Aidy Boothroyd will assess Doig, who was part of the team that won promotion from league two under Colin Calderwood in 2006, as he weighs up his defensive options in the final week of the transfer window.

Doig made two appearances for Aldershot Town earlier this month after signing a month-to-month contract with the Hampshire club. Prior to that, he was with Pelita Jaya of Indonesia after spending two years with Australian side Central Coast Mariners following his Sixfields exit.

After originally featuring on loan with the Cobblers in 2003, the Scotsman was one of four players signed on the same day by Calderwood in the summer of 2005, and formed a solid partnership with Sean Dyche and Luke Chambers to help the team to promotion.

Should he re-sign, he would follow in the footsteps of Adebayo Akinfenwa, Ashley Westwood and Jason Crowe in returning to the club after spells elsewhere.

It would also enhance Boothroyd's options at centre-back, with Byron Webster currently providing the only senior back-up to first-choice duo Ben Tozer and Kelvin Langmead.

John Johnson has been used at various times as a centre-back but is now doing a job as a holding midfielder, and the club could do with some added depth in a department, which has been problematic all season.

Boothroyd on Tuesday night watched Torquay United, who play host to his side at Plainmoor on Saturday, beat Dagenham & Redbridge 1-0, a result that means the Cobblers are stay bottom of league two, but still level on points with the Daggers.

The Cobblers turned in a poor performance last weekend as they lost to fellow strugglers Barnet at Sixfields.

Town took a 10th-minute lead through striker Adebayo Akinfenwa and were still 1-0 ahead at half-time, but they went down 2-1.

Robson chasing salary cap bonus

SAINTS chief executive Alan Robson says clubs that provide England players should be compensated above the salary cap.

Northampton are set to lose eight players to England during the Six Nations, the most any one club is providing the national side.

Yet they will have to play four Premiership games during the Six Nations without their top players, and Robson feels that is unfair.

This season clubs were allowed to spend £30,000 above the £4m salary cap for each player on World Cup duty, but Robson would like to see something like that in place every season when there are still Six Nations and Autumn internationals going on.

Robson said: "I would like to see the situation where clubs like Northampton, providing so many England players, are able to spend extra money into their squad for

players that go missing for large parts of the season."

The salary cap has again become a topic of debate following the Premiership's clubs poor showing in the Heineken Cup, with just Saracens making it through to the knockout stages.

Saints joined Bath, Leicester, London Irish, Gloucester and Harlequins who failed to reach the quarter-finals, with Jim Mallinder's men losing their final pool game against Munster in Milton Keynes on Saturday.

The English clubs' struggles prompted Leicester director of rugby Richard Cockerill to complain about the handicap of a salary cap compared to the French Top14, whose loosely imposed cap stands at £7m, while the Celtic RaboDirect Pro 12 teams don't have one.

And Robson feels it is becoming increasingly difficult to compete in Europe.

"The salary cap is a long running thorny issue," said Robson. "There are two issues; it is there to protect the clubs and it means that we are all spending somewhere in the same order of the same finances, so there will be some semblance of parity on the pitch, without one or two clubs absolutely running away with it.

"There will always be a bottom and a top club obviously. But it stops the ridiculous soccer mentality where players are paid ludicrously high wages and the clubs can't afford it. So this gives the clubs the chance to find a break-even position.

"The problem in creating as much balance as you sensibly can without controlling too much, is that if you pitch that salary cap at a lower level to elsewhere.

"And when you come up against those competitions involving those other clubs, like the Heineken Cup, it means you are paying an awful lot

less and it is likely you won't be as competitive. I do think the salary cap is causing an issue in Europe."

Robson added: "The strength and sustainability of our domestic league is paramount because it is the meat and gravy of the whole season. But just as we want England to be a winning side so internationally we want our sides at the top of the European rankings and it does mean we have got to be able to compete, yet it is becoming more and more difficult."

Saints are back in domestic action this Saturday when they travel to Bath in the LV= Cup (ko 2.15pm).

Saints currently top their LV= group table having claimed two wins out of two to date, but they will be without the eight players in the England Six Nations squad, as well as Ryan Lamb and Paul Doran-Jones who, also on Saturday, will be playing for the Saxons against Ireland.



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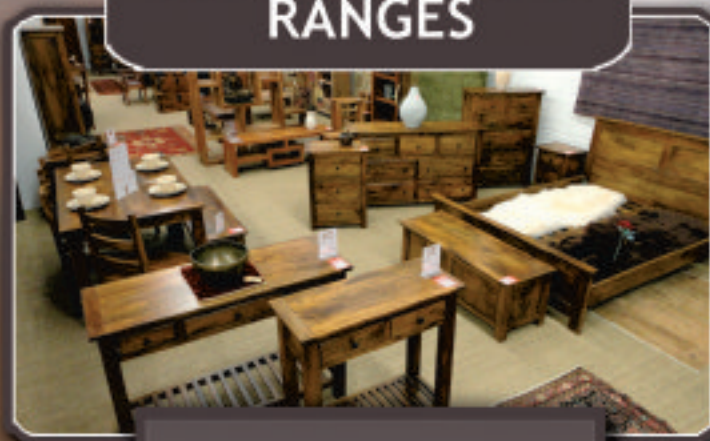
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